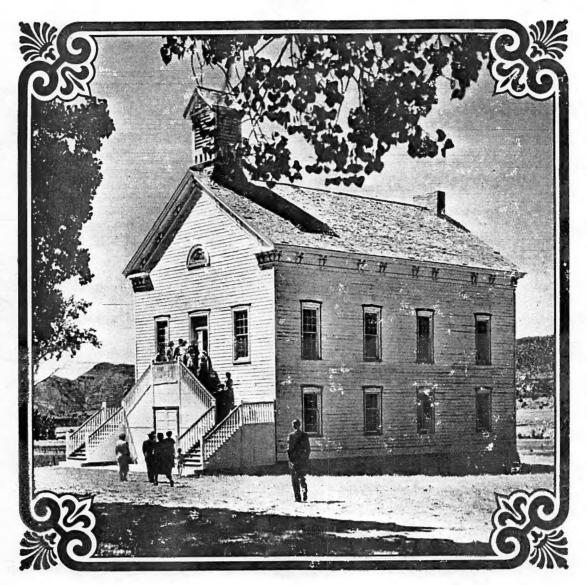


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The Story of Pine Valley

By Bess Snow and Elizabeth S. Beckstrom





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## Elizabeth S. Beckstrom



Elizabeth S. Beckstrom was born in Pine Valley and has spent most of her life there. She attended elementary school there but graduated from two years of college at Dixie College later took her bachelor's degree from B.Y.U. She taught school for thirty five years most of the time in junior high and high school, but spent the last fourteen years as librarian at Dixie College.

She married Vere Beckstrom, also a native of Pine Valley, They had two children, a son who is now a lawyer in Pasadena, Calif. and a daughter who lives in Cedar City. Her husband died in 1979. She has seven grandchildren. She still lives in Pine Valley in summer, but is past the stage where she cares to shovel snow in winter.

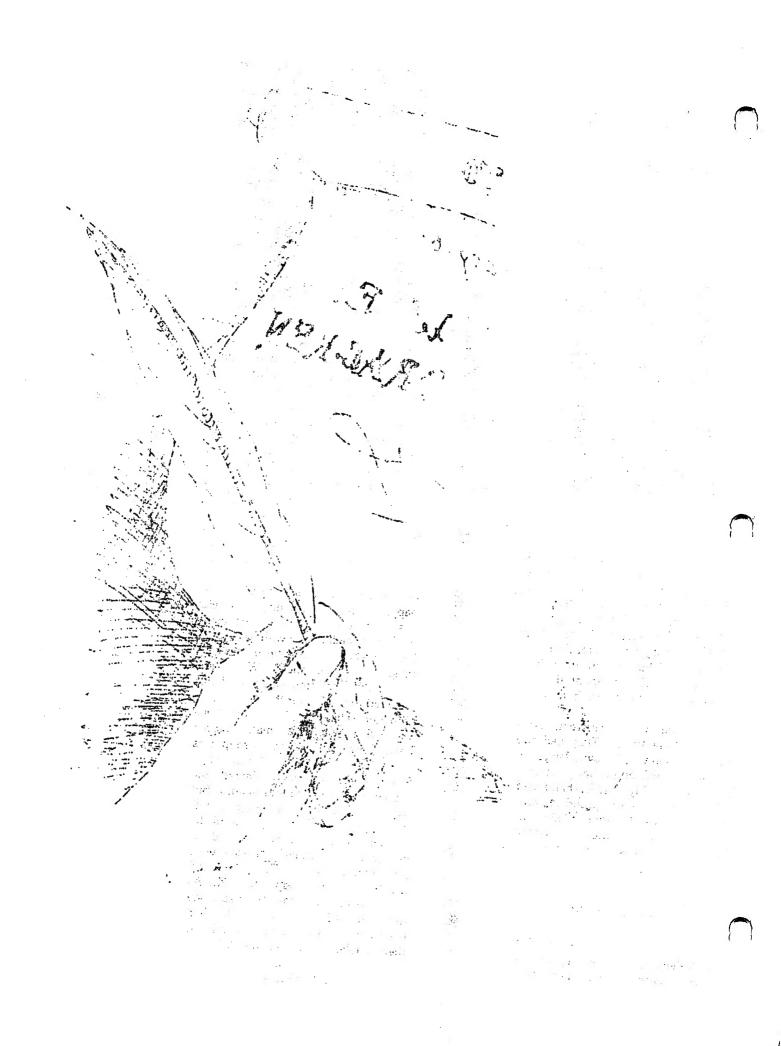
### Bess Snow

Bess Snow was born and reared in Pine Valley, Utah, and spent the happiest years of her life there



growing up with her cousins and pals. She was in the last graduating class there. She graduated from Dixie High School and Dixie College, and was valedictorian both years. She spent one year teaching in Nevada. Next she attended the University of Nevada in Reno. She taught in Nevada two more years. She attended Utah State where College Agriculture graduated with a B.S. degree in 1934. She returned to Nevada and taught three more years, then came back to Utah and taught in Springdale one year, and Enterprise for six. She then came to St. George and taught in the Junior High until she retired. Her happiest years of teaching were with first and second graders. She could hold them spell bound with her stories because she put so much of her own imagination into them. When she taught little children she looked like the Pied Piper. When she changed to teenagers she looked like the Lone Wolf. She loved the small children best. There 100% of the group was O.K.. She changed to Junior High School because she preferred the subject matter which was history. But she soon found herself taking care of the library part of the day and all the problem students that were kicked out of the other teacher's classes were sent in for her to tend. There she found just 95% of the group was O.K.. As she looks back on those last years she thinks that if Morgan Pest Control had been here then she would have hired them to take care of that other 5%.



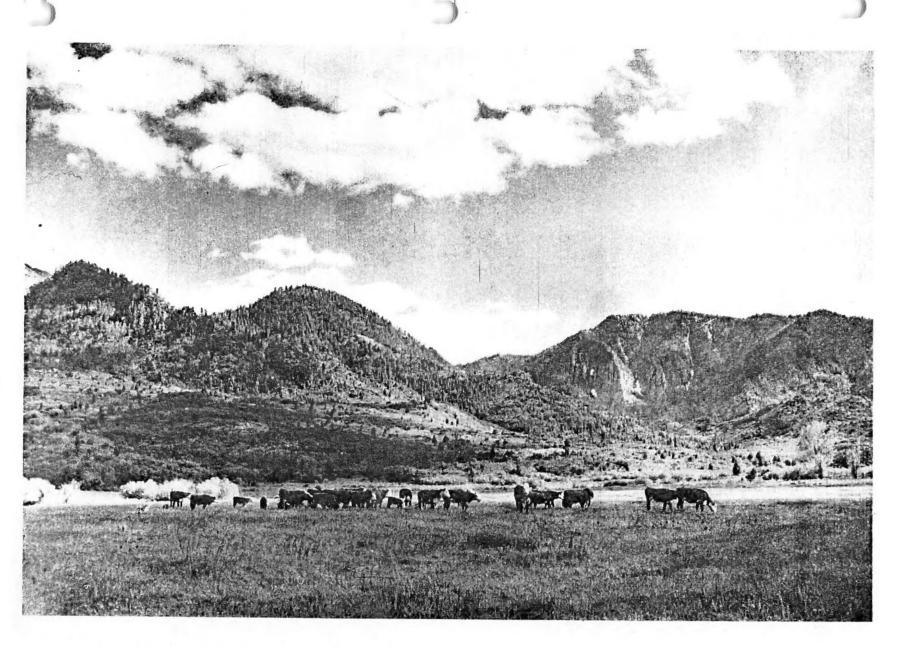




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sheep, adjacent to the Riddle sawmill. She was delivered by Minerva Dart Judd and Priscilla Leavitt who later married Jacob.

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#### **PREFACE**

This book is not intended for the general public, but rather is for the people who have Pine Valley roots either from having lived here of from having progenitors who lived or were born here.

There is no bibliography since most of our important information for the first fifty years of the history came from Marcellus (Sell) Bracken who lived through that entire period and had an unusually keen memory. He died at ninety seven perfectly clear in the head almost to the last. The latter part of the account we have written from memory, as we lived through it, much of that part is written in the first person.

We wish to express appreciation to Mrs. Iris Vance who typed the manuscript for us.

We hope not to leave the impression that the only criteria for greatness is university degrees, for we well remember that the man's name which heads most lists of the truly great had but little formal schooling. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

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